Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1912, the City of Watertown agreed to accept and display a collection of pheasants and waterfowl donated by Mr. Frank Bramble. In 1940, the collection outgrew its original home and was moved from a downtown park to a new area on North Highway 20 in Watertown; and,

Whereas, Between 1972-1976, the zoo experienced major renovations, so through donations and community volunteer work, numerous exhibits and support buildings were constructed. These improvements led to the zoo receiving accreditation by the Association for Zoos and Aquariums in 1993 and the addition of the Discovery Center in 1998; and,

Whereas, Today the Bramble Park Zoo welcomes more than 50,000 visitors annually, and is home to over 800 animals spread across 15 acres for families to enjoy year-round. Some animals found at the zoo include native and exotic species such as primates, kangaroos, big cats, and hoof-stock; and,

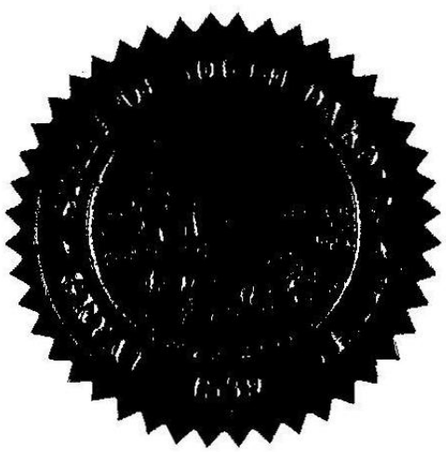
Whereas, An especially interesting activity at the zoo is the Roots and Shoots environmental and humanitarian program for youths. The program is sponsored by the Jane Goodall Institute and features learning projects centered on care and concern for animals, the human community, and the environment; and,

Whereas, Bramble Park Zoo is celebrating their 100th Anniversary in 2012 and encourage citizens to visit and learn about the wonderful world of animals:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 12, 2012, as

BRAMBLE PARK ZOO DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State